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SUBJECT: BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS - REACTIONS

1. A NUMBER OF ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN THE U.S. PRESS RELATING TO THE BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON MAY 15 THAT THE GOJ WOULD TABLE LEGISLATION ON TAXATION OF BAUXITE/ALUMINA INDUSTRY. ALL TEXTS HAVE BEEN POUCH TO EMBASSY AS WELL AS TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED BY COMPANIES IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING DAY.

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2. PRESS ARTICLES WERE GENERALLY STRAIGHT NEWS ITEMS AND

SEEMED BASED ON GENERALLY FACTUAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL APPARENTLY FROM THE INDUSTRY, GOJ SOURCES, AND RESEARCH. THEMES INCLUDED CONCERN THAT INCREASED PRICES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO U.S. DOMESTIC INFLATION STIMULATED BY THE ANNOUNCED LEVY AND THE ANNOUNCED PRICE INCREASES BY COMPANIES. JAMAICA'S OWN INFLATION AND ECONOMIC PLIGHT WERE REVIEWED AS WERE QUARTERLY EARNINGS OF COMPANIES. SOME ARTICLES INCLUDED COMMENTS ON RECENT FORMATION OF IBA. NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL OF MAY 21, (KINGSTON 1787) GAVE SOME CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND CONCERN FOR THE THEME: WHERE WILL IT ALL END? TV AND RADIO NEWS ON SUBJECT SEEMED MODERATE AND BRIEF.

3. ROY HARRIS OF WALL STREET JOURNAL PLANS TO ARRIVE KINGSTON MAY 24 TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH RELATED TO FORTHCOMING WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLES. HE PLANS TO CALL AT EMBASSY.

4. THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY REACTION FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOR ANY COMMENT IN THE "CONGRESSIONAL RECORD" THUS FAR. SENATOR CHURCH HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE TOPIC OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. A COPY OF HIS LETTER AND DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE BEING POUCHED TO CHARGE.

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